

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Entered into by the

**GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
THROUGH THE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
with the**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA
THROUGH THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**to establish a
BI-NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR
CROSS-BORDER GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SHARING
Escudo del Estado de Sonora, México**

Dated as of June 21, 2008

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A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA, THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO ESTABLISH A BI-NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR CROSS BORDER GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA.

- **WHEREAS**, the States of Arizona and Sonora form a single region that transcends an international boundary; and
- **WHEREAS**, the development of bi-national public safety and “all hazards” programs benefits both states in responding to disasters and combating crime; and
- **WHEREAS**, this partnership, made possible by a history of trust and achievement, empowers both states to develop and execute collaborative projects with the active involvement of emergency management and first responder agencies from both states; and

- **WHEREAS**, experience has proven that the exchange of information, methods and expertise, as well as the coordinated implementation of strategies in combating crime and responding to disasters strengthen both states; and
- **WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is commencing a pilot program, AZ3D, and hopes to commence an AZ Geospatial Clearing House program to enable geospatial data visualization to provide a common operating picture; and
- **WHEREAS**, the ability to view and monitor strategic areas within the Arizona-Sonora border region with imaging products will aid in the protection of public safety in both states; and
- **WHEREAS**, the governments of Arizona and Sonora have an ongoing commitment to using innovative tools and technology to continuously improve border security.

THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. To establish a Cross Border Geospatial Information Sharing Committee to include information technology and emergency planning managers, chiefs of police and fire, or their designees:

- i. from Arizona:

Government Information Technology Agency, Department of Transportation, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Land, Department of Homeland Security, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety and the county emergency managers from the border counties; and

- ii. from Sonora:

The Sonora State Government, through the Executive Secretary of Public Safety and the State Civilian Protection Coordination. The following may be invited to join in the works of the committee: the State's Prosecutors Office, the Secretary of Health, Secretary of Revenue, State Land and Cadaster Registry, Secretary of Infrastructure and Urban Development and selected municipal governments.

The Committee will be lead by the Arizona Director of the Homeland Security or his designee, and the Executive Secretary of the Sonora Department of Public Safety or his designee.

II. The Cross Border Geospatial Information Sharing Committee shall:

1. Establish a dialogue between public safety and Geographic Information Systems practitioners in Arizona and Sonora; and
2. Develop a plan for geospatial data-sharing that is mutually beneficial for security and the fight against crime; and
3. Explore the development of mutually beneficial web mapping services; and
4. Develop guidelines for the future exchange of technology and data between both states; and
5. Explore the feasibility of a shared virtual globe and visualization platform; and
6. Recommend uses of geospatial tools and systems to facilitate emergency planning, including regional evacuation plans; and
7. Recommend uses of geospatial tools and systems to prevent and combat crime.

III. The State of Arizona and State of Sonora will continue to share resources and promote strategic partnerships that will improve the response to disasters and combating crime in the region.

This Cooperative Agreement may be voided by either party, in writing with 30 days notice.

This Cooperative Agreement is signed this 21st day of June, 2008 in the framework of the Plenary Session of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, celebrated in the City of Phoenix, Arizona.

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